



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Hello!

May I take this opportunity to say hello to all parents and carers of children at Bishop Wood. I have had a lovely start to my time here. The children have been keen to welcome me and I have enjoyed chatting to them on the playground before school. I will be out on the playground most mornings so please do come and say hello.

I hope you all had a lovely break over the festive period. We looked at New Year's Resolutions in assembly on Monday and the children were contributing with some excellent suggestions. Now might be a good time to have a chat with your child/children and steer them towards a resolution that may benefit all members of your household!

### Newsletter

Communication between school and home is becoming more and more important as we all lead such busy lives. In light of this, I will be sending out a brief newsletter each week with key updates, dates and insights into school life. I hope that you find the weekly newsletters useful as we aim to keep you all as informed as possible.

### Surveys

It is always incredibly useful for us to find out what is important to you and how you feel the school could be improved. Please click the link below and it will open a Parent/carer Survey. This survey will not take long to complete and will be an invaluable source of information. Staff and pupils will also be completing surveys and the results will be shared with the Governing Body. Please encourage your friends on the school gate to complete the survey so that we can gain as many opinions as possible.

<https://goo.gl/forms/dEQd14sL8B5eLZxh2>

This survey will close on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

### Parents

Parents are a fabulous (and often untapped) resource for schools. If you have a particular skill or area of expertise that you feel could benefit us in our endeavours to make Bishop Wood as good as it can possibly be for our children, please make yourself known to a member of the office team or myself. We are always happy for members of the school community to share their ideas and skills with us.

### Uniform

I have noticed some inconsistencies with uniform this week. This is most noticeable in the array of different footwear that the children are wearing. I have looked up the guidance set out in the Parents' Guide and it says:

***Comfortable, smart black leather shoes with dark soles (not trainers)***

Please could everybody make the effort to send their children to school in footwear described above. Thanks.

### Cinderella

The whole school had a great time at the pantomime yesterday (oh no they didn't...) and were impeccably behaved throughout. Some members of the public commented to Mr Bye about how lovely our children were. I'm sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to Mrs Colston for organising such a fun day out for the children.



### Office Hours

The school office will be closed every Wednesday between 10.00 and 11.00 so that the office team can have a meeting. If you need to contact the school during these times, please use the office email account via [admin@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk)

### Important Dates

Some useful dates for this term:

| Event  | Date/Time  |
|--|--|
| Year 5 - Biscuit Making                        | Tue 16 Jan   |
| 6M Class Collective Worship                    | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 09.15                    |
| Buddies Disco for children                     | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 19.00 – 20.30            |
| Years 5 & 6 - Netball festival at Tring School | Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> January                             |
| 6C Class Collective Worship                    | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 09.15                    |
| Young Voices                                   | Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January                         |
| Year 3 – George’s Marvellous Medicine          | Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January                       |
| 5F Class Collective Worship                    | Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 09.15                    |
| Quiz Night                                     | Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 19.00 onwards            |
| Safer Internet Day                             | Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February                         |
| Lent Church Service                            | Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 13.30                 |
| 5R Class Collective Worship                    | Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 09.15                    |
| End of half term                               | Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February - School closes at 15.30 |
| Back to school                                 | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February                         |
| 4DR Class Collective Worship                   | Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 09.15                   |
| Poet Visit – James Carter                      | Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February                        |
| 4H Class Collective Worship                    | Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 09.15                       |
| Buddies Disco for children                     | Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 19.00 – 20.30               |
| 3I Class Collective Worship                    | Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 09.15                       |
| SEN Reviews                                    | 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> March              |
| 3B Class Collective Worship                    | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 09.15                      |
| Parents’ Consultation Evening                  | Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 16.30 – 19.00             |
| Parents’ Consultation Evening                  | Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 16.30 – 19.00           |
| End of Term                                    | Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March - School closes at 13.30 |

Kind Regards

Mr Gary Stanley